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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

USTelecom is falsely claiming that forbearance from Section 251 (c)(3) and dismantling key sections of the 1996 Telecommunications Act will not materially affect customers because no one uses it. THIS IS COMPLETELY UNTRUE.

I USE IT! And many millions of others like me will be effectively cut off from our internet and telecom services without access to unbundled copper and inner-city fiber transport elements. Furthermore, these UNEs are the backbone of city-to-city fiber networks, even once companies have built out their own fiber networks. Dismantling UNEs will extensively curtail competition and provide a hugely unfair advantage for the big players.

I have chosen a smaller company for my internet and telephone service because of their superior service and options; I want to continue to have that choice. Our country was built on free markets. Do NOT give the winner's hand to the big conglomerates. We will be a poorer place for lack of a truly free market in this important sector.

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